

Village Plan 2007

Unemployment stands at only 44% of the national average rate. The industry sector is defined as consisting of service industry and intellectual services. The number of directors is 4 times the national average, as defined by the census return. The ethnic breakdown is predominantly Caucasian / White.

Comparison with 1978 plan

The Interim Village Plan from 1978 shows some interesting contrasts with the current situation but also demonstrates that many observations and issues have not changed in the nearly thirty intervening years.

Of note is that the population of Shirenewton and Mynyddbach is quoted as 500, which has probably increased by around 300. This is reflected in the fact that of the various housing developments identified in the Plan, almost all have been built, with the notable exception of that on the land beyond Bleddyn Close (scheduled in 1978 for 40 – 60 dwellings).

Items which may strike a chord with many these days are:

- employment and commuting was already similar in character to that observed now;
- sewage was a problem and remains so despite expansion of the number houses and the waste system;
- there was no wish for development changing character of village;
- a clear plan for new primary school and a desire for affordable housing for young persons;
- there were fully utilised allotments in Mynyddbach;
- the preservation of the “Green wedge” was a priority.

The proposed improvements to roads and paths have all been carried out. The map of Shirenewton and Mynyddbach as it was in 1978 is reproduced for interest in Section 10.

